



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
FOUNDATION

## EAGLE NEWS April 2025



Our final trivia night for Rock the Nest was a success!



**Dear Supporter,**

At the Foundation office, we are hoping that April showers bring May flowers and warmer weather!

I want to thank everyone who supported Central High School this past month at our final Rock the Nest Trivia Night! This year, we played trivia at the Pella at Blackstone and hosted teams that included alumni, parents, teachers, and current students. Eagle Nation made this event a great success, and your generosity will go to supporting the next generation of Central Eagles. Thank you!

It may be difficult to believe, but this school year is almost over! Administrative Professionals' Day is this week, and our office is gearing up to hold our annual support staff luncheon as a way to thank Central's support staff for their hard work. Coinciding with the end of the school year is the Senior Recognition Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 13, in the Central auditorium. In May, we will award 97 scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to full tuition, to Eagles who will attend colleges all across the country. It is bittersweet

seeing our Eagles leave the Nest and pursue their dreams in the world after graduation.

Lastly, we are proud to announce that the Central High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame Committee has selected the 2025 Hall of Fame class! Read on to find out more, and keep an eye out for more information in the coming months.

As always, thank you for helping perpetuate more than 166 years - and counting - of tradition and excellence! Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

*Michele Roberts*

Michele Roberts, *Executive Director*

## 2025 Hall of Fame Class Announced



Pictured: 2024 Central High School Hall of Fame inductees

It is our pleasure to announce the incoming Class of 2025 of the Central High School Hall of Fame! These inductees have exemplified the Eagle spirit of excellence in their respective communities, in their professional endeavors, and in their ceaseless efforts to give back to others. The 2025 Hall of Fame ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at Central High School.

- Donald Goldstein, CHS 1964
- Gary and Cheryl Marks Willis, CHS 1970
- Hazel Hempel Abel, CHS 1905
- Jeannene Rice Mason, CHS 1964 and Jeannette Rice Johnson, CHS 1964
- Joel Rogers, CHS 1975
- Patricia Wright Brown, CHS 1955
- Paul Semrad, Distinguished Educator
- Peter Festersen, CHS 1989
- Quatesha Kern, CHS 1993
- Stuart Oberman, CHS 1988

Keep an eye out for their forthcoming biographies and photos! Congratulations to all who were inducted! Is there someone you would like to see in the Central High School Hall of Fame? Remember, for them to be considered by the Central High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame Selection Committee, they have to be

nominated! Nominations are considered by the committee for three years and may be renewed.

**Nominate Someone for the CHS Hall of Fame**

### **Eagles Rocked the Nest at The Pella**



Our 1st Place Trivia Winners, The 1859ers!

Alumni, students, teachers, and parents rocked the nest at the 15th annual Rock the Nest Trivia Night late last month. On a new night and at a new venue, Rock the Nest raised over \$35,000 for Central High School.





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRIVIA WINNERS!



## 1ST PLACE: 1859ERS

Brooks Humphreys, Chris and Meghan Paintin, James and Vicki Deniston-Reed, Jennifer Stastny, Scott and Beth Wilson

## 2ND PLACE: THERE'S JUST 4 OF US

Kristoff Berzins ('99), Myron and Brandy Klipfel, Rob Locken and Vicky Munoz, J.R. and Erica Meyer, Paul Nielson

## 3RD PLACE: 8 IS ENOUGH

Dan Gilbert, Andy Haggart ('88), Kristie Hayes ('73), Bruce Nelson, Jeff Pospisil ('92), Cathy Farrell Proctor ('88), Matthew Truesdell, ('94)



A special thank you to our emcee, Mike DiGiacomo, CHS 1991, and all of our supporters who attended the event, made a donation, or purchased a silent auction item. Rock the Nest will return in spring 2026, but it will no longer be trivia, so stay tuned for more details!

## Your Impact: UNO Language Celebration



## IGNITING CREATIVITY THROUGH LANGUAGE: UNO LANGUAGE CELEBRATION

### YOUR IMPACT

29 STUDENTS IMPACTED

AMOUNT FUNDED: \$1,600



### Igniting Creativity Through Language

Thanks to funding from the CHS Foundation, Central students were about to attend the Language Celebration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where they

learned about the university's programs in Spanish, French, German, and Japanese. They competed in a variety of events such as skits, song, dance, and poetry recitation and creation, which highlighted their linguistic and cultural accuracy, as well as creativity and presentation skills.

**Students impacted: 29**

**Amount funded: \$1,600**

### **Translation to College and Career Readiness**

As a responsible educational institutions, Central High focuses on creating responsible global citizens. This requires students to be multilingual and multicultural. Business and travel necessitate students to have experiential learning opportunities like these to prepare them

### **Commitment to Closing the Opportunity Gap**

Financial concerns are often barriers for students who would like to participate in events such as this, but because the CHS Foundation paid the enrollment fee for each student — which included the event as well as entertainment, food, and awards — more students were able to attend.

*"It was a great firsthand experience to see students from other schools and see not just how they're using the language in class, but how they use it creatively."*

**- Vivian Dauner, Class of 2026**

It is thanks to YOUR support that the Foundation is able to give students incredible opportunities like this one. **To continue making an impact, [join Generation C](#) today.**

**Join Generation "C" Today**

**March Madness Bracket Winners Announced**



Women's Bracket Challenge Winner Rylee Liermann, CHS 2023, with her CHS Swag Bag Prize!

It was another successful year of March Madness, with over 200 Eagles participating in our annual bracket challenge. Congratulations to Rylee Liermann ('23) for winning the Women's Bracket Challenge and Craig Lerner ('83) for winning the Men's Bracket Challenge. Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to those who participated!

#### **Women's Bracket Challenge**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Rylee Liermann ('23) 179 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ann Carlson ('24) 178 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dan Sitzman ('86) 172 points

#### **Men's Bracket Challenge**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Craig Lerner ('83) 172 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Breanna Hines ('00) 163 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Carlos Kilgore ('08) 162 points



## Alumni Spotlight: Robin Norquay Seran, CHS 1988, and Lila Cunningham Dinnel, CHS 1992



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*Left: Robin Norquay Seran, CHS 1988, Healing Ribbons Board Treasurer  
Right: Lila Cunningham Dinnel, CHS 1992, Healing Ribbons Board Secretary*

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Robin Norquay Seran, CHS 1988, and Lila Cunningham Dinnel, CHS 1992, work together and are board members at [Healing Ribbons](#). Healing Ribbons is a Native American organization whose mission is to promote healing, positive cultural identity, and connections among intergenerational Indigenous women, Two-Spirit relatives, and families by sharing collective wisdom, traditions, wellness practices, and stories.

At Healing Ribbons, their focus is on claiming their cultural heritage through sewing, beading, sharing circles, wellness programs, ceremonies, fellowship meals, and working together to create culturally significant clothing for traditional ceremonies and pow wows.

“We were talking recently about our schooling and discovered we both graduated from Central High School. We talked about our experiences as a Native American and the multi-cultural experience we felt from being an Eagle! Being an Eagle exposed us to many cultures while maintaining our own identities. We used our education and leadership from Central High School as a springboard for continuing our educations.” – Robin

We love seeing our Eagles soar and maintain their connection to Central High School! Thank you for sharing, Robin — you've both made us proud!

Read more about Robin and Lila on the [Healing Ribbons website](#).



**Nominate an Alum for the Spotlight**

**Reserve Your Spot Today for the 23rd Annual Central High School Foundation Golf Outing**



**Golf Fore Eagles – Monday, June 2, 2025**  
**Field Club of Omaha – 10:00 AM Shotgun Start**

**2025 Honoree: Edward and Sally Malashock Foundation**

Cost is \$150 per golfer and includes:

- 18 holes of golf, cart and hitting cages
- Brunch and Banquet Dinner for all players



- Awards Banquet will begin immediately following the conclusion of golfing
- Commemorative gift
- Chance to win a new car (Hole-In-One Challenge on the 14th hole)
- 2 Mulligans
- Mega Putt
- Hitting from the Purple Tees on 6th Hole

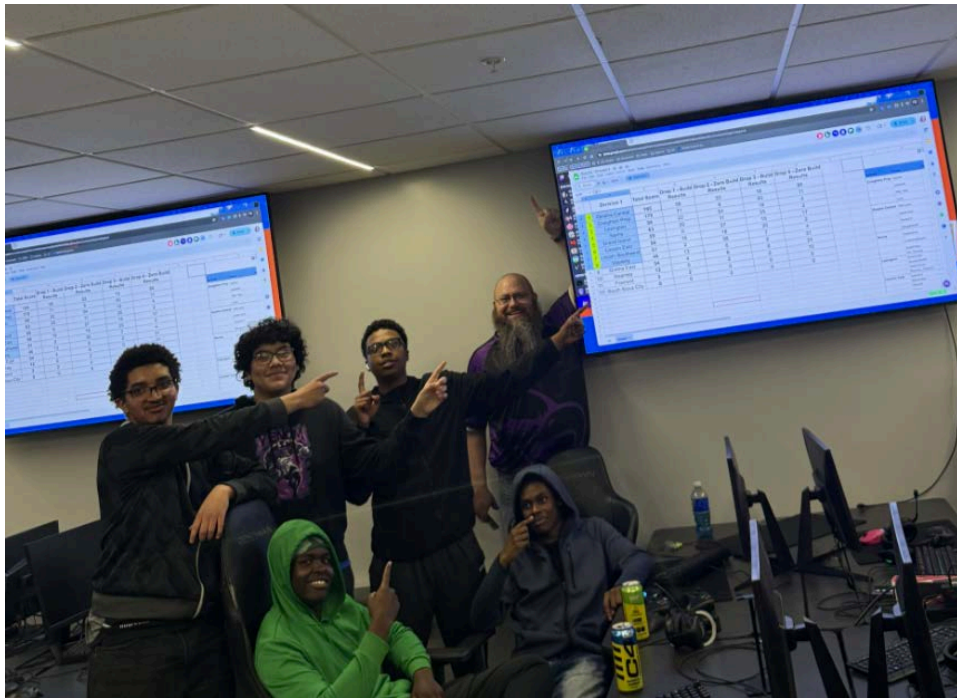
All registration fees are due by May 16. After May 16, unpaid teams may be replaced by a team on the waiting list. Make your check payable to: The Central High School Foundation. Both women and men players are encouraged to participate! Golfers of all abilities are welcome. Sign up as a foursome, individual or a co-ed team. Sponsorships are also available to purchase. [Click here to view the sponsorship levels](#) or signup for a sponsorship below.

Entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a “first come, first served basis.” Telephone calls will not secure a spot. Previous participants will receive preferred status if payment and entry form are received by May 16, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Buffington at 402-556-1996 or email [events@chsfomaha.org](mailto:events@chsfomaha.org).

- Four person Texas Scramble
- 10:00 AM flight
- Open to women and men
- Golfers of all abilities are welcome
- Entries will be dated upon receipt and honored on a “first come, first served basis.”

**Register for Golf**

**eSports Eagles Take Best in State**



After tough competition all year, CHS eSports have taken the title of Best in State!

In State NSESA, our Eagles placed 1<sup>st</sup> in eChess and Fortnite Squads, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Super Smash Brothers and League of Legends, among many others.

In the PlayVs Great Plains League, which spans the Central time zone, CHS eSports won the Fortnite championship and ranked #25 out of 4,000 nationally.

Way to go, Eagles!

**Join Generation "C" Today**

**Where Is the CHS Logo?**



This month, we are thrilled to feature CHS teacher Micah Ringlein repping Central on a school trip to Europe!

Above: Micah in Switzerland

Below: Micah in front of Schloss Nymphenburg in Munich

Want to see more? Follow us on [social media](#)! Have your own photos to share? Send them to us via [email](#).





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## What is Your Legacy?

Named for the year of Central's founding, the 1859 Society honors donors who have included The Central High School Foundation in their estate plans. By arranging for such deferred gifts, alumni, parents, and friends of CHS play a vital role in securing the future of Omaha's oldest educational institution. Combining financial planning, estate planning, and tax planning techniques, planned giving enables donors to make gifts of significance often with tax and financial rewards. If you're interested in joining the 1859 Society and making a planned gift, contact Michele Roberts at the CHSF Office at 402-556-1996 or [michele@chsfomaha.org](mailto:michele@chsfomaha.org).

[Click Here for the 1859 Society Brochure](#)

## Upcoming Class Reunion Schedule



**The class of 1959 at their reunion in 2024!**

## Upcoming Reunion Schedule

### **Class of 1960**

September 26, 2025

[Contact JoAnn Kratky](#)

### **Class of 1965**

September 5-6, 2025

[Contact Holly Jepsen Hoberman](#)

[Contact Gary Green](#)

### **Class of 1970**

July 25-26, 2025

[Contact Gary Willis](#)

### **Class of 1975**

October 10-11, 2025

Susan Vrbanac Lerdahl , Mark Kresl, Suzanne Tarver, Bridget Brown

[Contact Sue](#) 402-320-6489

### **Class of 1985**

September 19-20, 2025

[Daniel Schinzel](#)

[Carrie Roberts](#)

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

### **Class of 1990**

September 19-20, 2025

[Contact Dana Rouch](#)

### **Class of 1995**

September 12-14, 2025

[Clay Wulf](#)

### **Class of 2000**

September 19-20, 2025

[Jono Croskey](#)

[Tanesha Burns](#)

[Mary Jane Tritsch](#)

### **Class of 2005**

October 10-11, 2025

[Contact Michael Smith](#)

### **Class of 2010**

September 19-20, 2025

[Contact Anna Venditte Diederich](#)



## [Class of 2015](#)

September 19-20, 2025

[Contact Elexis Martinez](#)

If you are the reunion organizer for your class and haven't finalized a date for your class reunion or would like to look at postponing or cancelling it, please [contact Erika Buffington at \[events@chsfromaha.org\]\(mailto:events@chsfromaha.org\)](#) or call 402-556-1996.

### 2024-25 Generation "C" Chair



Evelyn "Eve" Mayberger (CHS 2005) has long been a fierce supporter of Central High School. Since graduating, she has watched her younger brothers and cousins pass through the esteemed classrooms of Central. While a student at Central, Eve was involved in music (concert band and orchestra), athletics (cross-country, swimming, and track), and Academic Decathlon. Eve

took full advantage of the honors and AP courses offered and particularly loved history, math, and English classes. Eve credits her dedicated Central teachers for her interest and passion in these subjects.

Using what she had learned at Central, Eve earned a scholarship to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. Eve fell in love with the interdisciplinary field of art conservation; a profession that combines art history/archaeology, chemistry/material science, and studio art/craft skills. After finishing her undergraduate degree, Eve interned for two years at different East coast museums to gain more practical art conservation experience.

Eve was then admitted into the art conservation graduate school program at New York University. In 2016 she accepted a post-graduate fellowship at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston (MFA). Upon completing her fellowship, Eve was promoted to Assistant Conservator at the MFA. During her career, Eve has participated in multiple excavations as an archaeological conservator in Turkey, Sicily, Egypt, and Sudan.

Her time at Central laid the foundation for her professional trajectory; Eve feels it is important to give back so others can follow their dreams and aspirations. She believes it is our duty to invest in our communities and to contribute what we can for the betterment of society for current and future generations. A tangible way to do this is to keep our public educational institutions, such as Central High School, strong and well resourced.

**Join Generation "C"**

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